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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4029

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUB: STATE OF TENNESSEE TRADE MISSION

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1. DESPITE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH ADVANCE

OFFICERS BENSON

AND BURNS LAST MARCH, NOVEMBER 19 SCHEDULE OF TENNESSEE
BUSINESS GROUP IGNORED COMPLETELY FACT THAT IRAN WEEKEND IS
THURSDAY (NOV 20) AND FRIDAY (NOV 21). POST PERCEIVES
NO UTILITY WHATSOEVER IN THIS SCHEDULE IF GROUP IS SERIOUS
AND EXPECTS TO HAVE PRODUCTIVE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS.
EVEN IF GROUP CAN ARRIVE EARLY MORNING ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, ONE SNLL WORKING DAY DOES NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT
TIME FOR A MEANINGFUL STOP HERE,BSA POINT WHICH EMBASSY HAS
MADE REPEATEDLY, HERE AND TO DEPARTMENT.

2. POST REQUESTS NAME(S) OF LOCAL CONTACTS AND HOTEL

SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION CAN BE CONFIRMED, TIMING
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DISCUSSED AND SCHEDULE COORDINATED OR DOES TENNESSEE PLAN TO

SEND ADVANCE MAN IN NEAR FUTURE?

3. COMMENT: WHEN ADVANCE MAN DECIDED LAST SPRING TO
POSTPONE MISSION BECAUSE MORE LEAD TIME NEEDED, WE
ASSUMED END RESULT WOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED ITINERARY
AND ACTIVITIES BASED ON ADVICE AND COMMENTS OBTAINED
FROM POSLZS DURING SWING THROUGH AREA. TEXT OF REFTEL
B BELIES THAT ASSUMPTION. POST WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
INFORMING ORGANIZERS TENNESSEE GROUP OF CHANGES IN
BUSINESS CLIMATE SINCE ADVANCE OFFICERS' VISIT AND
SUGGESTING STRONGLY THAT TIMING FOR TEHRAN BE SHIFTED.
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